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1. After the departure of Nikitin (fnu)^{1/} in the latter part of 1952, no Russian Scientific Liaison Officer appeared at the Heinrich-Hertz-Institute for Oscillation Research, Berlin-Adlersdorf, until the middle of March 1953; then Cherkosov (fnu) arrived and announced that he was the new Liaison Officer to a number of institutes affiliated with the Academy of Sciences. He specified that he was a physicist, that he was stationed in Karlshorst, and that his assignment covered the fields of optics and chemistry. He added that the following institutes were under his liaison authority: the Heinrich-Hertz-Institute;^{2/} the Institute for Research on the Physics of Solids, Berlin-Buch;^{3/} the Institute for Research on Radiation Sources, Berlin-Marschauerbruecke;^{4/} the Institute for Inorganic Chemistry, Berlin-Adlersdorf; the Institute for Fiber Research, Berlin-Adlershof.^{5/}
2. Cherkosov appears to be 48 to 50 years old, is about 178 centimeters tall, very slender, has full dark hair sprinkled with grey, curly and combed back; he is clean shaven. He speaks some words of broken German.^{6/} He was accompanied by a Russian who acted as interpreter.
3. Between the middle of April and 25 April 1953, Cherkosov made three visits at the Heinrich Hertz-Institute. During his first visit, he talked mainly to members of the Trade Union Direction of the Institute (GDL). The two other visits were spent with members of the scientific staff. Cherkosov asked for the following things:
 - a. a list of all work orders completed in 1952;
 - b. a list of all those orders completed in 1952 which were transmitted to East German industry;
 - c. a list of all 1953 projects.

Furthermore, Cherkosov asked the direction of the Institute about the relations with the Academy of Sciences. He wanted to know how many times the Institute Director was summoned before the Class for Technical Sciences of the Academy to report on work done in the Institute. When Cherkosov learned that such a report was usually given only once a year, he expressed his astonishment and made deprecatory remarks about the bad work of the Academy; he tried to obtain additional evidence against the

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- 4/ During his last visit at the Institute around 23 April 1953, Cherkosov asked for the Finance Plan of the Institute which was to be prepared by his next visit which was scheduled to take place before the end of the month.

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- 1/ [REDACTED] Comment. See [REDACTED]
- 2/ [REDACTED] Comment. Headed by Prof. Otto Hachenberg.
- 3/ [REDACTED] Comment. Headed by Prof. Friedrich Moeglich.
- 4/ [REDACTED] Comment. Headed by Prof. Robert Horpe.
- 5/ [REDACTED] Comment. Headed by Prof. Erich Thilo.
- 6/ [REDACTED] Comment. From this fact and the fact that no Liaison Officer has appeared at the Institute for a long time, it is believed that Cherkosov came to Germany recently.

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- 7/ [REDACTED] Comment. Prof. Karl Lohmann is Secretary of this class and, in this capacity, a member of the Presidium of the Academy.

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